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COUNTRY Bulgaria

SUBJECT Staff Officers for DOSO
(Voluntary Organization for Defense)

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1. A staff of six high officers headed by Lt Gen Ivan Kinov were attached to the main command of DOSO (Voluntary Organization for Defense Corporation), which is headed by General Dobri Terpeshev. Ivan Kinov was a former Chief of Staff of the Bulgarian Army and a General in the Soviet Army.
2. This staff, which consists of military specialists, has a duty to make out programs and training schedules for DOSO units. It must see to it that these programs are carried out and that the organization becomes military in character. It must see to it that DOSO members of a certain age group are ready for military service.
3. A special partisan section has been attached to this staff. This partisan section consists of the following Colonels: Dragan Koripenski, former commander of Sofia, participated in the Spanish War, and was in the Soviet Union; Radenko Vidinski, Assistant Minister, member of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party and leader of partisan Communist troops before 9 Sep 44 in Western Bulgaria; and Misha Nikolov, former partisan, now /chairman of/ the Radio Information Committee at the Council of Ministers. This section trains cadres for anti-Communist partisan fight in Bulgaria. It is based on the principle of guerrilla warfare and on "lovnepe druvhini" (hunting battalions), which were used before 9 Sep 44. The program of this "partisan" section is of great importance because the Communists think that this Spring (1953) resistance in Bulgaria will be greatly increased.
4. Soviet officers are attached to the DOSO staff and to the "partisan" section. They control the training of the cadre. These programs were made up by the Soviet officers.

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